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SUBJECT: POLISH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ON MBFR AND CSCE

1. SUMMARY: POLISH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER BISZTYGA HAS
MADE THE MOST EXTENSIVE STATEMENT ON THE POLISH APPROACH
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SOURCE. THE SPEECH DID NOT DEPART FROM THE BASIC PRINCIPLES ALREADY ENUNCIATED BY POLISH AND OTHER WARSAW PACT SPOKESMEN IN HELSINKI AND VIENNA, BUT DID ADD DEPTH AND NUANCE TO PREVIOUSLY STATED POLISH POSITIONS ON SUCH ISSUES AS CONFIDENCE- BUILDING MEASURES AT CSCE, THE RELATION BETWEEN CSCE AND MBFR, THE PRINCIPLE OF BALANCED SECURITY AT MBFR, AND WARSAW PACT DETERMINATION NOT TO ALLOW ANY WEAKENING OF ITS " SOUTHERN FLANK" IN AN EVENTUAL AGREEMENT ON ARMS REDUCTION IN EUROPE. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WERE BISZTYGA' S COMMENTS REJECTING ANY ATTEMPT TO PUT THE PARTICIPATION ISSUE AT MBFR IN ABEYANCE , AND HIS STATEMENT THAT IN SPITE OF PRESENT DIFFICULTIES, POLAND CONSIDERS THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE EUROPEAN ARMS REDUCTION TALKS CAN BEGIN IN THE FALL. END SUMMARY

2. A MAJOR SPEECH ON THE POLISH APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS, INCLUDING CSCE AND MBFR, WAS DELIVERED BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER BISZTYGA TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE ALL- POLISH COMMITTEE OF PEACE MARCH 12. THE SPEECH, SUMMARIZED BRIEFLY IN TRYBUNA LUDU AND EXCERPTED AT MUCH GREATER LENGTH IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY MARCH 13, OFFERED NO RADICALLY NEW PROPOSALS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY BUT DID ADD SOME INTERESTING DETAILS TO PREVIOUSLY STATED POLISH POSITIONS ON KEY ISSUES AT BOTH CSCE AND MBFR. BISZTYGA' S KEY POINTS ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW:

A. CONFIDENCE- BUILDING MEASURES AT CSCE- BISZTYGA REFERRED TO THE " WELL- KNOWN DESIRE" OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE CONFIDENCE- BUILDING STEPS IN EUROPE. IN THIS CONTEXT HE ENDORSED, MORE SPECIFICALLY THAN THE POLES HAVE PUBLICLY HITHERTO, " THE INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPLES OF NOTIFICATION OF LARGE ARMY MANEUVERS AND THE EXCHANGE OF OBSERVERS."

B. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CSCE AND MBFR - WITHOUT REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO MBFR, BISZTYGA SAID THAT POLAND CONSIDERS SUCCESS OF THE HELSINKI TALKS AS THE " NECESSARY CONDITION AND AT THE SAME TIME THE NATURAL POLITICAL BASIS" UPON WHICH REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMS IN EUROPE CAN BE " NEGOTIATED AND REALIZED."

C. " EQUAL SECURITY" AND MBFR - A MAJOR PORTION OF THE SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO WHAT BISZTYGA CALLED THE " BALANCE OF SECURITY INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES" WITHIN THE CONTEXT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF NEGOTIATIONS ON ARMS REDUCTION IN EUROPE. PROCEEDING

FROM THE PRINCIPLE THAT ARMS- REDUCTION AGREEMENTS MUST ALWAYS OBSERVE THE PRINCIPLE OF " EQUAL SECURITY" FOR THE PARTICIPANTS, BISZTYGA STATED THAT " THE WESTERN CONCEPTION OF " BALANCED" FORCE REDUCTIONS" DID NOT AGREE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF " EQUAL SECURITY", DEMANDED UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN THE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, AND WOULD IMPOSE SIGNIFICANT LIMITATIONS ON THE WARSAW PACT DEFENSE POTENTIAL IN RETURN FOR " PALLIATIVE" NATO STEPS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE NOTED THAT " BALANCE" NEED NOT MEAN " EQUAL QUANTITATIVE INDICES", NOTING THAT THE " SPECIFIC STRATEGIC SITUATION OF THE PARTNERS IN REGARD TO EACH OTHER AND THIRD PARTIES", AMONG OTHER FACTORS, MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

D. PARTICIPATION AT MBFR - IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS DISCUSSION OF " EQUAL SECURITY", BSIZTYGA ACCUSED THE NATO COUNTRIES OF USING THE GUISE OF THE PARTICIPATION ISSUE AT VIENNA TO " FORCE UPON THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" A DEFINITION OF CENTRAL EUROPE WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A " WEAKENING OF THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF THE WARSAW PACT WITHOUT EQUIVALENT UNDERTAKINGS FROM THE NATO SIDE." WITHOUT MENTIONING HUNGARY, HE SAID THAT THE EFFORT TO PREVENT THIS BY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE OF THE STATUS OF DELEGATIONS WAS A " MATTER OF PRINCIPLE" FOR THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. HE ALSO SAID THE SOCIALIST SIDE WOULD " RESIST NATO PRESSURE" AND STRIVE TO RESOLVE THE MBFR PARTICIPATION ISSUE DURING PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE " CARRYING OVER OF UNSOLVED PROBLEMS TO THE SUBSTANTIVE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS."

E. IN SPITE OF TROUBLES, OPTIMISM ON MFBR - BISTYGA CONCLUDED HIS REMARK ON MBFR BY NOTING THAT IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIE
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